



LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS  
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TRIBAL COUNCIL TRAVEL REPORT NARRATIVE

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**From:** Mel Kiogima, Legislative Leader

**Date:** May 21, 2012

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**Re: Tribal Council Meets LTBB Citizens of Grand Rapids**

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As had been pre-arranged, I and several members of Tribal Council met with LTBB Citizens of the Grand Rapids area. The meeting took place at the Holiday Inn at 310 Pearl Street.

We used as a basis for discussion the Revenue Allocation Plan and Liability Fact Sheet that was approved for distribution by Tribal Council in November 2011. This generated much discussion about the various programs of LTBB, especially how they do, or do not, benefit our Citizens that live out of the LTBB service area. We were assisted in our discussions by several Executive officials and staff that were in attendance, including Vice Chairperson Julie Shananaquet and Elders Coordinator Tammy O'kuly.

We were well received by fourteen Tribal Citizens. I believe that this type of outreach to our Tribal Citizens was very much appreciated by them. Every effort will be made to continue to make ourselves available to our Citizens that have not returned to our Homelands.

I did stay for the evening LTBB Natural Resources Commission/Department Annual meeting. This again was fairly well attended by our Citizens. It was noted that the two events appeared to draw a different set of Citizens, indicating that our appearance drew in people that did not come for the NRC/NRD meeting.

Thank you for allowing my attendance. I look forward to doing similar events in other areas of the State where we have a significant number of Tribal Citizens.

Mel

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